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The Present Prepares For the Future

Fellow Congregationalists of Kansas:

As Chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund in Kansas I am asking for the hearty cooperation of every one of you.

Every member of every church should become informed. In Kansas we are asked to raise $75,000.00 in the next two years as our share of the $4,500,000.00 nation-wide goal to build churches for our country's need. The story should be told in every church. A request to Mrs. John W. Gibson, 1008 Shady Way, Wichita or to a member of your association committee will secure a speaker for you.

At a Recognition Dinner on May 6, when your State Conference meets at Wichita Plymouth special awards will be presented to a representative of each church that has signed the "Declaration of Purpose" and sent it to the New York office. Let us make this response 100 per cent.

We Congregationalists have a great heritage. This is our opportunity to make a real contribution toward keeping it alive for future generations.

—Elmer C. Wedell.

Strange Things Are Happening

In Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana more than 1300 Congregational Christian laymen, laywomen and ministers are taking time from their busy schedules to promote the greatest Christian movement of our time - our Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. The appreciation of their efforts will be shown throughout many life times as the Church of God rises in each community to defy the paganistic desires of the many "isms" that will face mankind.

Already more than $100,000.00 of the $434,000.00 goal of this area has gone in with signed Declarations of Purpose. Many are experiencing for the first time the joy of building thru the church. As your Area Director, I urge you who have not yet sent in your Declaration of Purpose to do so. Funds that are in will go to work building churches at the April meeting of our Church Building Society Committee. —Wm J. Manspeaker, Director Denver Area

Kansas Will Do Its Full Share

Frank Korab gave his last full measure of devotion to this cause. Bill Manspeaker, another Kansas layman is giving his all, day by day, to assure the success of this campaign. Churches are responding generously with "Declarations of Purpose" averaging 10 per cent of the Home Expense Budget each year for two years. When they once sense the need, Kansas churches can be depended upon to do their full share. —L. M. Rymph, Sup't.

Guest Editors

Assisting on this special "Church Building Loan Fund" edition were the Rev. Alfred H. Bartter, Mrs. R. H. Garvey, Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff, Mrs. John W. Gibson and the Rev. Henry Eden Wright.

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The Church Building Loan Fund Is A Living Thing

It Is Born: 1852.

It Has An Active Childhood: From 1852 to 1952 it erected 3,491 churches, 876 parsonages, and made grants and loans totaling $20,000,000.

It Demands More Allowance: It is in immediate need of $4,500,000 to provide:

1. New churches in rapidly developing areas of new housing for new and relocated families. The requests are many and must be denied until more funds are raised.

2. Increased facilities for established churches to serve the growing population of 3,000,00 people a year.

3. Revitalization of rural churches finding great industries springing up around them.

4. Aid for churches in disaster.

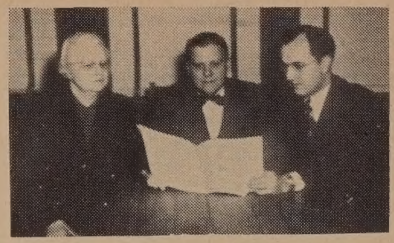
Bill Manspeaker presenting Declaration Award to Dick Cochener, Topeka First.

It Becomes Mature: It accepts responsibility for repayment of support it has enjoyed:

1. Among the first to sign their Declaration of Purpose were: Osborne, Topeka First, Russell, Towanda, Lawrence Plymouth, Newton, Sabetha and Manhattan.

2. Others who have stated their intention of accepting goals are: Topeka Central, Topeka Seabrook, Sabetha, Seneca, Kinsley, Great Bend, Athol Ford, Stockton, Kansas City Welborn Prairie Village and Wichita Plymouth.

3. Individuals are making gifts above $1,000.00 on the Second Mile.



Kansas Loan Fund Committee: Mrs. John W. Gibson, E. C. Wedell, Ray Carlton Jones

It Goes Into Business:

1. It sets capital to working for itself. The $4,500,000.00 will do the work of $18,000,000.00 by 1977 and and still have $4,500,000.00 left.

2. It practices economy. By getting all Declarations in by the first of June, 1953, so it can dismiss the costly campaign machinery, saving great expense and releasing valuable men to other avenues of their Master's business.

This is Frank Scribner as "Moab Hartlie" telling Ronald Bridges how the $100.00 he gave for Church Building in 1853 is still building churches. "Best investment I ever made," he said.

Our fathers gave to build for us
Let us give to build for our children

"Make no little plans . . . remembering that a noble diagram, once recorded . . . long after we are gone will be a living thing." —Daniel H. Burnham.

Past Beneficiaries

By Faith they builded better than they knew.

Plymouth Church, Wichita

The recipient of the largest loan of any church in Kansas, Wichita Plymouth has just completed the modern plant above with independent funds.

Central Church, Topeka

In 1929 Topeka Central benefited by a large loan from the Building Society to aid in the erection of Sheldon Community House.

Tonganoxie Chancel (below) remodeled in 1941, the improvements made possible by a C.B.S. loan.

The Russell Church — Before

The structure above, built in 1879 with the aid of a C.B.S. grant served well until 1950 when it was badly damaged by wind.

The Russell Church — After

The functional church plant above, dedicated a year ago was completed without Building Fund aid.

Carbondale Community Church

Following a fire which completely destroyed the Carbondale Church in 1940 this new building was made possible by a generous loan from the Building Society.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Prayer As Man's Pathway to God

Worship is the practice of subjecting the personality to God. And prayer is the attidude of attention to such an experience The fellowship of self is attained through culture; the fellowship of man, through service; the fellowship of God, through worship.

Worship renews the spirit as sleep renews the body. Play and love revive us partially, but worship fulfills what pity, art, and love attempt.

The great instrument of worship is prayer. In his book "The Prophet", Gibran says: "For what is prayer but the expansion of yourself into the living ether? When you pray you rise to meet in the air those who are praying at that very hour, and whom, save in prayer, you may not meet." Prayer, then, is the effort of man to reach God, to commune with an invisible being, creator of all things, supreme wisdom, truth, beauty, and strength.

Prayer is the invisible emanation of man's worshiping spirit - the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. If we make a habit of sincere prayer, our life will be noticeably and profoundly altered. "No man ever prayed," said Emerson, "Without learning something."

Let us remember then that every human mind has access to the greater mind of God, where wisdom, love, forgiveness and all the divine attributes abound in limitless measures. It is through prayer that we contact the mind of God. It is through prayer that we are quickened with understanding of ourselves, our fellowmen, of the world we live in. Through prayer we learn how to have peace of mind within ourselves and how to have peaceable relations with the persons in the world about us.

"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."

—Lena Lewis (Mrs. Guy)
Spiritual Life Secretary

Important Notice to All Presidents

Mail your annual reports before April 1st. One copy to your Association President, one copy to your State President; keep one copy for your files.

If you have a change in your officers for the Guide Book and have not notified Miss Bertha Tindall, please do so.

Have your Women's Gift Offering sent in to Mrs. L. M. Rymph before April 10, if you want it included in this year's report.

Wheaton Women

A Ground Hog" supper was served to a large group on February 2. A 260 pound porker donated by a member of the church made possible a profit of $133.00. Following the supper the movie "More for Peace" was shown.

Garfield

The County "March of Dimes" fund for polio victims was swelled $22.00 by an offering taken at Garfield following their covered dish luncheon.

World Friendship Club

This Maize group joined the E.U.B.

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In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Doris May Purdue
Mrs. Edna Shaffer
Mrs. Jennie Tanner Miller
Mrs. Sophia Dyke
By Kansas City Welborn

Mrs. Annie Storrer
Mrs. Faye Fishwild
By Osborne Women

Mrs. Della G. Gross
By Russell Women

Mrs. Della Scott
Mrs. Bessie Holcomb
By Social Gleaners, Smith Center

Mrs. Carrie Albrecht
By Smith Center Cong. Church

Mrs. Etta Spencer
By Topeka Seaman Women's Guild

Mrs. Blanche Haught
Mrs. W. E. Barnhart
Mrs. J. L. Smalley
By K.C. 1st Pilgrim Whatsoever Circle

Mrs. Vida Morrison
Mrs. Opal Thayer
By Great Bend Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Ray Guy
By Newton Congregational Church

Mrs. Amy Copeland
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Adams
By Severy Mite Society

Mrs. Homer Dawson
Mrs. Judy Balfour
By Ford Women's Society

Mrs. Ethel Gryboskie
By Kinsley Ladies' Society

women on World Day of Prayer to hear Miss Dorothy Lee, Friends University student from Korea. Mrs. Fred Helm of the African Methodist Church gave a reading, "Brotherhood and Prayer."

Kansas City Welborn

New carpeting in the chancel and aisles was a recent project of the Women's Council. The parsonage first floor has been completely redecorated. A room in the parsonage basement finished with knotty pine and kentile floor by the Homebuilder's, a rapidly growing young couples class.

Church Library

Made possible by money and initiative from the Women's Federation, a library has been started at Topeka First. Mrs. Ted Kimble, Spiritual Life Chairman of the Federation has been assisted by Miss Ora Fullen, chairman of Adventures in Reading. A few good books have been bought and some have been loaned. The committee is recommending that books be given as memorials to loved ones and friends. Books thus given are inscribed with the name of the one memorialized as well as the donors name.

Plan to Attend

One day institutes under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Fiebiger: Topeka Seaman, March 17: Wichita Fairmount, March 18: Great Bend, March 19: Stockton, March 20. Attend one nearest.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President **Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary**

Kathleen Wilson
Southern Association President

Kathy Wilson has been an active P.F.er and enthusiastic camper for several years. She served as Southern's Secretary-Treasurer two years ago. She along with other officers has been visiting many local groups this year.

"Speaking of Love"

This is a small 15 cent booklet written by Dr. Leland Foster Wood in which he discusses some important factors to consider in preparation for marriage. "Christian Marriage" by the same author is available at 10 cents and "If I Marry a Roman Catholic" is 5 cents. A few copies are obtainable from Conference Office.

Order Camp Slides Early

Your P.F. group may be disappointed if you wait too long before ordering.

Around the State

Dave Cutting, **Lenora,** reported last month that fifteen minute worship services were conducted before school every day for all young people in the community during youth week. The Methodist church cooperated and a group of ten young people were in charge with two on a team each day. They used the UCYM materials. A tape recording of the radio play which was in the youth packet was made and presented over radio station KXXX. The Lenora group has recently made program plans for the next few months which are mimeographed and bound in an attractive cover. In addition to all these activities they had time for a cookie sale.

Joan Hunsberger from Mount Hope is now a student at Kansas State College at Manhattan. Along with her studies she finds time to teach in the Junior Department of our Manhattan Church School. P.F.ers remember Joan as an active camper as well as Junior High Counselor.

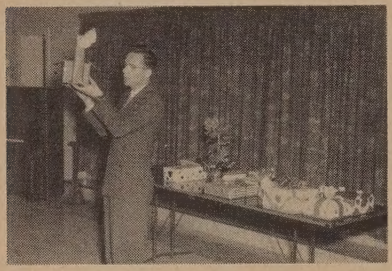
Maple Hill Pilgrims conducted a "model" meeting at the Peace E & R Church, Alma, Kansas, February 8. Worship, study, service and fellowship were stressed. On March 17 they will sponsor a "Movie Night." Many plans are under way for activities in April which include an Easter Sunrise Service.

Milford sponsored a Soup Supper March 4 in order to raise funds to send PFers to Camp Washunga. All the work from dishwashing to serving was done by the group.

Topeka Seaman and **Muscotah** reported large attendances at Valentine parties.

K.C. Welborn and **Topeka Seabrook** had Chili Suppers for their money-making activities.

Manhattan Pilgrims helped the church school teachers by mimeographing and mailing a newsletter.



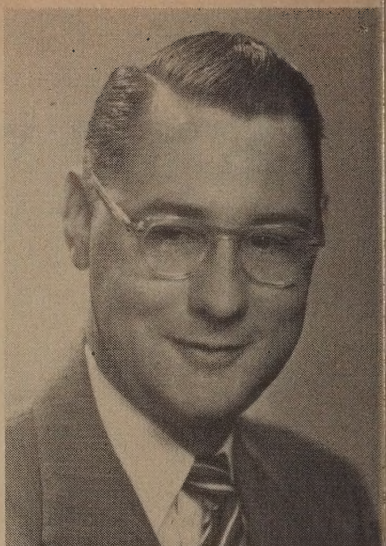
Sponsor, Toni Quick, McPherson

McPherson Senior PF sponsored a box social February 7. In the above picture the best judged box bedecked with the corsage prize is auctioned by the PF sponsor. Over $50 was made from the auction of about 20 boxes.

Wichita Pilgrim Junior Highs had a parents night February 8. In December they gave a chili supper followed by a scavenger hunt for old toys. The toys were then repaired, repainted and delivered to Wichita Children's Home. The Seniors also had a parents night on February 8. The topic was "Are Parents a Problem?" Mrs. Gordon Jones from Fairmount spoke for the parents and Vanessa Christensen represented the youth.

Barbara Bell reports that the questionnaires sent out in Southern were very successful. She will compile reports for a later issue.

Haven recently presented a three-act play - "The Family Portrait" to the entire church. Seventeen PF actors were under the direction of Mrs. Arnold Koch and Mrs. Curtis Laughlin.



The Rev. Harald Wisegarver

Wisegarver's to Smith Center

Uncle Harald Wisegarver, Eastern Association Sponsor, has resigned at Maple Hill and accepted a call to Smith Center where he will begin work June first. Eastern's loss will be western's gain. We know he will be busy spreading the Pilgrim Spirit.

Mr. Wisegarver has been the minister at Maple Hill for four years. In addition to building up the church and community and taking an active part in the larger fellowship, he has completed three years of work at Washburn University and will receive his degree this spring. He has pre-enrolled for a seminary course, but will give some time to full pastoral work before further study.

Constantly backing him and helping in his heavy schedule at Maple Hill has been his wife Lois and daughter Pamela.

Christian Education

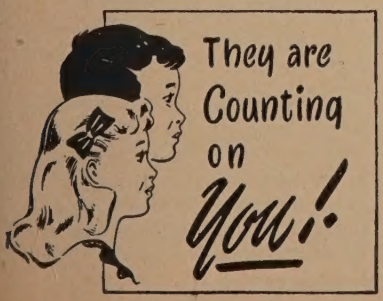
Pauline Bloomer, Director

Our Children Deserve the Best

Our children and youth will be our leaders of tomorrow. The world awaits the boys and girls we teach today. As religious leaders - parents or teachers - we have a responsibility in gaining a new understanding of Christian living today. We must acquire greater skill and better techniques to insure more learning on the part of growing boys and girls, young people, men and women. A growing faith is needed today. Once these skills are acquired greater joy and proficiency may be experienced in our work and teaching. If we are to expect great things of our leaders tomorrow then they deserve the best from us as parents, teachers, superintendents and ministers. Your State Christian Education Committee offers opportunity for growth while learning thru a varied leadership training program:

Statewide Leadership Workshop

This offers **Teachers** and **Superintendents** an opportunity to "learn by doing". Busy teachers will find out ways to make the best of the time they have for teaching. They will plan with experienced leaders and actually work out activities and learn the teaching techniques to more effectively present the Spring Quarter Pilgrim Series courses. With the exception of four and five year olds the theme is **"One World"** and is concerned with Christian Living Today. See the February issue of Congregational Kansas for some of the emphasis on various activities.



Mildred Widber, Secretary for Leadership Training and Field Program will bring inspiration and new insight for our teachers. She has had many years of experience as a Children's Secretary. She is now devoting her time and energy to special leadership training techniques as concerns the church school. **April** 14, 15, and 16 are red letter dates. Make special note of them and see that your church is represented.

Special Events for the Family

As announced last month the Regional Family Camp will be at LaForet near Colorado Springs, June 28-July 5. This offers special opportunities to **Parents** and their **Children.** Space is limited and reservations are already being received. We urge early reservations in order not to be disappointed.

Combination Workshop at La Foret

If you are not able to participate in the Family Camp and are a teacher in the church School the **Leadership Workshop** for church school teachers may be just what you are looking for. This is set up to accommodate the entire family and is August 5 to 9.

Ford Reports

Lower Juniors have enjoyed making biblical costumes for class work and use in dramatizations. They have also worked on several missionary projects. Some of the dramatizations were presented in other departments as well as the entire church school. Scrapbooks, pictures, crayons, paste and scissors were sent to our Fort Berthold Indian Mission. A picture book on the life of Jesus was sent to children in Beirut. Soap and instant chocolate were sent to Italian children.

—reported by Mrs. C. C. Bishop

Family Sunday

The last Sunday of each month is set aside for Family Day at HAVEN. The children attend church and participate in the service. Following the children's sermon the children sit with their parents. A basket dinner often follows where further fellowship may be enjoyed.

Mound City

The first in a series of All-Church Family Nights planned by the Homebuilder's Class was held January 29. This was a "calender party" and guests were seated according to the month of their birthday. On February 26 the teachers and officers of the church school had a Penny Supper. Proceeds will be used to buy chairs for church school rooms.

Newsletter to Parents

The church school teachers at **Manhattan** are now sending a newsletter to parents about important events and future announcements. This little bulletin should help to increase understanding and develop interest between church and home. The Pilgrim Fellowship group helped by mimeographing and mailing the newsletter.

Leaflets for Lent

Helpful leaflets for parents are "Teaching the Meaning of Easter to Children" by Hazel Key and "Interpreting Death to Children" by Helen H. and Lewis Sherrill. Another one "The Young Child Start to Church" by Grace Storms is also helpful. All are 5 cents each. Write Conference Office.

Family Week — May 3-10

"A Christian Foundation for Every Home" is the theme for this important week. Several additional resources are available. Write National Council of Churches, 79 Adams St., Chicago for following:

"The Family Bible Lives Anew" (worship meditations for family)	.05
Collection of Family Leaflets	.25
Family Life Packet	1.00
Nursery Book Satchel	1.75
Enjoying the Bible In Home	.50
Your Church and National Family Week (Folder to help your church plan)	.05

Ash Wednesday Service

All present at the **Topeka Central** Ash Wednesday Service felt they had a religious experience. Thirty Central Pilgrim Fellowship young people took part under the leadership of Mrs. George Epps, Charles and Betty Graves and Miss Miriam Franklin. Three unique types of worship used were: Choric speech, religious drama and rhythmic choir. It was lovely and impressive.

"Of These My Brethren"

This 16mm sound black and white movie on Relief and Reconstruction will be available until March 31. At that time it must be returned to New York. If you have not used it there may still be an opportunity. It runs about 30 minutes.

The Kansas Picture

The editors extends sincere thanks for the wealth of material sent by the churches. Space allows only the briefest resumes.

Almena has built a belfry for its historic bell. The church has been redecorated but it needs additional space.

Anthony repaired the exterior of the church in time to be damaged by redecorated the parsonage.

Athol has added equipment, and redecorated and re-roofed its building.

Ellis has spent $10,250 on repairs and a new organ and will be debt free by the eightieth anniversary, in May.

Ford has remodeled garage, installed furnace in parsonage and rewired the church. It needs outer repairs and more Sunday School rooms.

Hutchinson has painted exterior and needs more space for growing program.

Haven church reports new curtains, new lighting, new hymnals, and a new electric organ.

Great Bend Church School holds classes in the school near-by. They have accepted their quota to the Loan Fund and made a $600.00 payment.

Great Bend Young People Classes at School Desks

K.C. Rosedale's members have turned an army hospital building into an attractive educational building. They have also remodeled their church with new chancel and improved kitchen.

K.C. Welborn is bursting at the seams in spite of repairs and ingenuity. They have added a grand piano and projector to their fine plant.

Kinsley started to lay a new carpet but before they were done, had given the whole property a face-lifting.

Lawrence Plymouth has included the loan in their next three years' budget. They have redecorated the parsonage, modernized class rooms, refurnished the chapel and repaired the windows and exterior.

Lenora built a new chancel, redecorated the church and parsonage and installed a gas furnace in the latter. The women have pledged to raise half of their Fund goal.

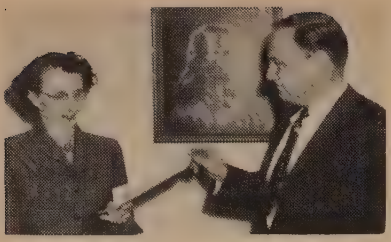
Maize occupying its third building in 75 years, has redecorated and added a playground, grate and shrubs.

McPherson has repaired and redecorated its basement into a gay nursery and fellowship center.

Milford's church, built by Albe Whiting in 1870, and parsonage have been completely refurbished inside and out into adequate, attractive places.

Muscotah has accepted its goal for the Fund and will raise it with the cooperation of all organizations.

Osborne Church, recipient of a small grant in 1878, pioneered again as first to sign the Declaration of Purpose. They also pioneered by federating with the Presbyterian Church, thus creating one strong active United Church, instead of two weak ones.



Mr. Manspeaker Presenting Declaration Award to Mrs. Garrison For Osborne United

Partridge's members have poured a new basement floor and are planning redecorations. The sanctuary was redecorated last year.

Maple Hill, established in 1883, has to depend on outside facilities for class rooms. However, the men of the church have panelled the interior, laid floors, varnished pews; the women have made drapes, and created a beautiful worship center. In spite of flood and cattle market, they are planning an education building.

Sardis, five miles south of Emporia, had a rebirth after its 75th birthday in 1947. It dug a basement modernized the building and landscaped, all with personal and memorial gifts. It now has adequate class and social facilities.

Sedgwick has followed much repairing with increases in insurance coverage.

Stockton completely modernized its building in 1948. It intends to repay the grant given it in 1907 as its goal to the Fund.

Topeka Seabrook has improved everything but its four walls. But now it is building an entire new plant in a rapidly growing residence district.

Udall is making valiant progress. It has modernized its church and parsonage, made a survey of prospective members, adopted systematic giving, and increased its school enrollment until its walls are bulging.

Wakefield has redecorated its parsonage, installed a new furnace and water system, and repaired church. Beautiful front doors were memorial gifts.

Whitewater is bestirring itself to create enough class-rooms. It had a narrow escape from tragedy when a ceiling fell, but has repaired it.

Memorial Gifts

It is now possible for those who wish to do so to present Memorials gifts to the Church Building Loan Fund in the name of a loved one "lost awhile." This name will be recorded in a Book of Remembrance, published in the next report of the Board of Home Missions, and placed in safe keeping as a permanent memorial to the one designated in the gift.

Help for Holland

A little Dutch girl stood at the door of the Kansas City Rosedale Church after Sunday service and welcomed gifts totaling $50.00 which were sent on to her people thru Relief and Reconstruction.

Ellis church responded with $113.00 for Holland sending their gift thru Hays, Kansas one of the first communities to rally for relief.

Pleasant Home Church in their usual generous way has responded with a Second Mile gift of $131.00 for Holland.

Whitewater sent an offering of $31.60 for the fund.

It's A Girl

She arrived at Bethel Hospital in Newton on February 25, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Poppe of Whitewater.

Our Sympathy

To the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore N. Goodale of Kansas City First Pilgrim in the death of Mr. Goodale's mother in Kansas City on February 24.

Current Beneficiaries

By Faith they look into the future.

Colonial Church in Prairie Village

The first unit of their plant is in constant use and over-flowing.

First Church, Topeka

With the help of a loan this church moved from a commercial district to a residence district.

Ruby Avenue Church, Kansas City

By means of a loan and grant this church was moved, remodeled and enlarged.

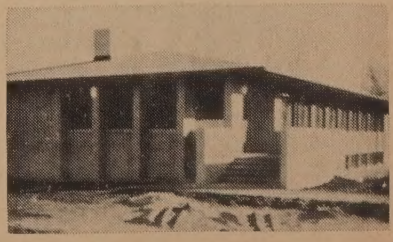
Garden City Community Church

This building dedicated in 1951 provides adequate facilities in a growing western community.

First Pilgrim Church, Kansas City

Moved from a rapidly deteriorating neighborhood this church has taken on new life in its new plant occupied since 1949.

Wichita Fairmount Educational Building (below) is the first unit of a contemplated new plant. Just completed by the help of a C.B.S. loan.



Shown in picture, left to right Jim Rhoades, Chr. Ground Breaking Committee; Eugene M. Smith, City Manager of Wichita; member of Choir; Robert S. Mayberry, Architect; Warren Berquist, Chr. Board of Trustees; Mrs. John W. Gibson, Chr. Wichita Extension Committee; the Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson, Sec. Wichita Council of Churches; the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel, Pastor; Richard P. Hahner, and Mr. C. A. Foreman, Contractors

Ground Breaking — Wichita Pilgrim
February 15. 1953

"Words of Appreciation"

A Young Mother

"When we purchased a home in a fast growing area a couple of years ago, one of the nicest things that could happen to us was the knowledge that there was a new church close by. In that short time we have seen Pilgrim Church grow into the kind of a church that makes us glad to be a part of it. We are grateful for all the help we have received."

—Mrs. David W. Holmes

Wichita Pilgrim Minister

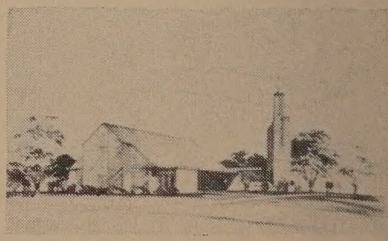
"Two years ago this community of approximately 3000 homes was without a church or church school. Most of the people who live here are young couples raising families and trying to buy homes. Pilgrim church has meant friendship for many in this new and growing area of Wichita. Many people here tell me they have not been active in the church for years. They have children growing up and are grateful for the church and for the help received from the larger fellowship.

We appreciate this opportunity to be a part of a Christian minstry to an unchurched community of young parents and their growing families; working with them to build the Kingdom of God."

—Richard R. Zoppel

Russell Laymen

"It was a great spiritual and financial help," states Kendall Irving in describing the aid received from the Church Building Society. "No one else gave us the assurance in the completion of our recent project. It is great to know that such an organization is



Wichita Pilgrim — New Building Under Construction

available to help churches in meeting the changing demands of our times."

—Finance Chairman, Russell

Rev. Hans Poppe

"Before our recent program," writes the Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell, "Our church was losing ground. Mrs. R. N. Ewing, our Church Building Fund Chairman reports that our 1953 goal has been raised and sent in. We are grateful for the aid we received. We couldn't have done what we did without the aid of the Church Building Society, which really means the cooperation of all our churches."

From Prairie Village

"Colonial Church is more aware of needs and resources (or the lack of them) than almost any other church in Kansas. We have benefitted greatly from the existing Grant and Loan funds of our Church Building Society. Our sister churches made it possible to launch this church by granting us $19,100 and loaning us $48,805. In addition, we received a subsidy on our operating budget. Soon (we hope by 1954) we will get along without the subsidy; and in a few years we hope to repay the loans so that other churches will receive help.

These funds establish churches and assist them in their building programs. Has it been justified in Prairie Village? Every banker wants to know if he made a good loan. How about Colonial Church?

After four years as a full established church we can report "for the record" some interesting facts. Starting from nothing four years ago, we now rank 12th in the state for size (374). Starting from nothing four years ago, we now rank 5th in the state for size of church school enrollment (359). This growth is gratifying, but it produces problems, too.

We desperately need additional church school space. Our people have been accumulating funds, and with the promise of additional help from the Building Society, we hope to build an addition this year which will cost nearly $30,000. At the same time we are trying to pay off our debt, with interest, at the rate of $481.00 a month, or $5,772 annually. In spite of that we voted to raise $1800.00 for the Building Loan Fund.

I would venture the comment that the Church Building Society and our State Conference, representing the churches of our fellowship, made a "good" investment in Prairie Village."

—C. Fosberg Hughes

A "Thank You" From Children

June 1951

Dear Sirs:

Eighty years ago your Board of Home Missions loaned us money to help build Sardis Church, near Emporia. Our vacation Church School is sending our offerings of $16.00 as a "thank you" for your assistance long ago. Nine of us are descendants of charter members of this church established in 1871.

Signed by 25 children,
By Joyce Watts, Emporia.

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Please note the listing which shows a total of C.B.S. loans to Kansas churches of $460,627.00 - more than six times the $75,000.00 quota we are asked to raise in the present Loan Fund campaign. In addition Kansas churches have received $269,976.00 in grants. Loans, except recent ones, are largely repaid and some churches have repaid grants.

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CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY LOANS AND GRANTS TO KANSAS CHURCHES

Church	Loan	Grant
Eastern Association		
Carbondale	$ 2,200.00	$ 650.00
Centralia	500.00	820.00
Dover Federated	.....	747.00
Hiawatha	1,300.00	1,700.00
*K.C., 1st Pilgrim	49,442.00	10,415.00
K.C. Rosedale	7,800.00	10,374.00
K.C. Rosedale Plymouth	150.00	350.00
*K.C. Ruby Ave.	22,000.00	9,840.00
K.C. Welborn	8.650.00	3,700.00
Leavenworth	1,850.00	.....
Leona	.....	500.00
Manhattan	11,000.00	2,300.00
Maple Hill	.....	1,794.00
Milford	700.00	500.00
Mound City	.....	500.00
Muscotah	300.00	1,550.00
Onaga	500.00	512.00
Ottawa	.....	2,961.00
*Prairie Village	48,805.00	19,100.00
Sabetha	2,000.00	500.00
St. Marys	400.00	1,456.00
Seneca	3,000.00	1,500.00
Stanley Com.	500.00	.....
Tonganoxie	1,000.00	1,143.00
Topeka Central	17,000.00	.....
*Topeka First	45,000.00	10,000.00
*Topeka Seabrook	15,000.00	500.00
Topeka Seaman	2,000.00	2,000.00
Wakefield	.....	450.00
Wheaton	2,000.00	2,735.00
Southern Association		
Anthony	2,000.00	350.00
Emporia Sardis	.....	700.00
Eureka	8,575.00	550.00
Haven	.....	500.00
Hutchinson	7,900.00	2,533.00
Independence	2,500.00	2,037.00
Kiowa	500.00	1,100.00
Little River	.....	560.00
McPherson	4,200.00	2,850.00
Maize	500.00	1,000.00
Mount Hope	400.00	500.00
Newton	2,000.00	1,137.00
Partridge	5,300.00	2,000.00
Plevna	250.00	250.00
Sedgwick	1,000.00	1,729.00
Towanda	450.00	.....
Udall	.....	447.00
*Wichita Fairm't	17,000.00	5,146.00
*Wichita Pilgrim	28,500.00	25,000.00
Wichita Plym.	66,000.00	19,314.00
Western Association		
Almena	.....	584.00
Athol	4,750.00	4,450.00
Downs	.....	300.00
*Ellis	5,775.00	1,000.00
Ford	1,000.00	1,450.00
*Garden City	12,500.00	5,000.00
Garfield	2,000.00	1,000.00
Gaylord	.....	483.00
Great Bend	1,200.00	1,793.00
Kinsley	8,800.00	500.00
Kirwin	1,600.00	525.00
Lenora	6,600.00	2,800.00
Osborne	.....	350.00
*Russell	.....	5,375.00
Smith Center	1,000.00	448.00
Stockton	.....	836.00
Inactive Churches	25,230.00	86,782.00
Total	$460,627.00	$269,976.00

* Indicates major loans and (or) grants in the last five years. Where churches have united the accumulative total is listed under the present church.